



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## Dry & Cool Conditions Continue

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 10, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry and cool conditions continued this week, with overnight temperatures in the 40s statewide. Rains were light and scattered, allowing wet fields to dry, while the southwest continues to need rain. Haying continues, and the oat harvest is moving slow in many areas. Late-planted corn and soybeans were still struggling to mature in some areas. There were some reports of white mold in soybean fields.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 9 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 86 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

Eighty-six percent of Wisconsin's corn has reached the dough stage or beyond, 3 days behind the 5-year average. Forty-eight percent of the corn has reached the dented stage, 7 days behind the average. Corn silage harvest is just getting started. Corn condition was 70 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points below last week.

Leaves were turning color on 30 percent of the state's soybean acreage, 5 days behind the average. There were some reports of soybeans dropping leaves. Soybean condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points above last week.

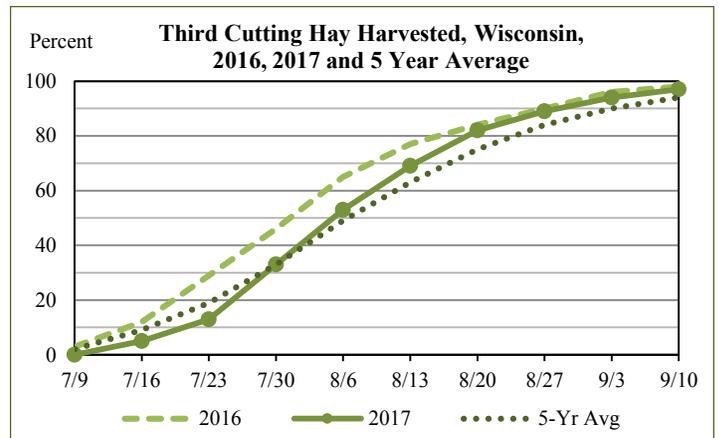
Harvesting of oats for grain was reported at 93 percent complete, 7 days behind the average.

Eleven percent of winter wheat was planted, 1 day ahead of last year.

Potato harvest remains ahead of last year at 40 percent complete. Potato condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent, 5 percentage points higher than last week.

Pasture condition was 72 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

The third cutting of alfalfa reached 97 percent complete, 6 days ahead of the average. The fourth cutting was reported at 56 percent complete, 3 days ahead of the average. All hay condition was reported 83 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point above last week.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 10, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	0	2	15	57	26
Corn.....	3	7	20	49	21
Pasture & Range.	1	6	21	51	21
Potatoes.....	0	9	14	50	27
Soybeans.....	2	5	16	53	24

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Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent									Percent			
Alfalfa Hay, Third Cutting.....	94	97	98	95	98	97	98	97	98	97	94	98	94
Alfalfa Hay, Fourth Cutting.....	55	34	59	56	50	64	59	66	51	56	45	65	52
Corn Dough.....	86	65	83	85	78	82	96	90	95	86	79	94	89
Corn Dented.....	36	40	44	41	55	44	61	47	64	48	33	80	63
Oats Harvested.....	87	89	93	99	90	86	100	100	100	93	86	98	95
Potatoes Harvested.....	70	50	49	88	33	n.a.	37	26	n.a.	40	35	25	n.a.
Soybeans Coloring.....	17	28	22	33	36	27	37	28	31	30	12	62	49
Winter Wheat Planted.....	21	35	8	20	7	8	21	14	7	11	2	10	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 10, 2017

Item	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year	
	Days									Days			
Days Suitable.....	5.1	4.5	4.3	5.6	5.2	5.0	6.7	6.5	5.8	5.6	5.3	3.6	
	Percent									Percent			
	Topsoil Moisture												
	Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	1	2	1	0
	Short.....	5	0	3	11	8	6	22	9	12	9	7	2
	Adequate.....	91	99	63	85	84	90	65	81	84	83	85	77
Surplus.....	4	1	34	4	8	4	0	9	3	6	7	21	
Subsoil Moisture													
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	
Short.....	5	0	0	7	3	4	22	3	3	6	4	4	
Adequate.....	92	99	67	89	89	88	73	87	91	86	87	79	
Surplus.....	3	1	33	4	8	8	0	10	6	7	8	16	

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## Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

**BARRON/RUSK/SAWYER-K.S.:** A lot of hay was harvested over the weekend. With cool temperatures continuing into this month, some corn continues to be a bit behind. This week's forecast has temperatures reaching 80 degrees.

**BURNETT/WASHBURN-P.H.:** Corn starting to dent but ear size and kernel size seem small. Soybean plants have average pod numbers but seem short. Some pockets of white mold causing plants to die prematurely. Fall cover crops are being planted and some have emerged.

**LINCOLN/MARATHON-D.E.:** Hoping for some warm weather to help mature crops. Many fields of hay are being harvested. Some ginseng is being harvested with losses expected on most crop.

**FLORENCE/FOREST-T.B.:** Wet most of the week, hampering grain harvest. Frost fairly wide spread over the weekend.

**LA CROSSE-I.H.:** Weather nice this week but a little cool. Some short bursts of rain but didn't amount to much. Tractors and wagons going up and down the road with hay, both chopped and baled. Have not seen any beans harvested as yet or corn taken for silage. Cool weather kept the farmers from overworking themselves. Next week promises to be warmer.

**TREMPEALEAU-L.N.:** Need at least a week or more before corn will hit black layer. Hopefully frost is kept at bay.

**PORTAGE-J.W.:** Sweet corn, snap bean, potato and beet harvest continues at a slower pace as we wait for crops to mature due to cool weather. Some hay made, lots cut for next week. Manure hauling and fall tillage ongoing. Tree color in low lying areas at 30 percent, great color this year.

**CALUMET-K.P.:** Cooler temperatures again this week with heavy moisture in the mornings. The crops are progressing, with early soybeans coloring and later soybeans still very green. Corn silage harvest is underway. Forecast for the upcoming week is much-needed warmer temperatures and no rain.

**MANITOWOC-M.R.:** Really started to notice the soybean leaves turning color this past week. Lots of hay was being made. According to local corn silage dry down days, we are about a week out from corn silage harvest starting.

**VERNON-K.L.:** Cool temperatures and windy conditions this past week. Soybean fields starting to turn color. One report of white mold in a soybean field. Corn is starting to dry down. Corn silage harvesting is going to start in the next few days. Lots of hay harvested this past week. The county could use a good rain. Pasture growth has slowed down.

**COLUMBIA-G.K.:** Some early corn silage is beginning to be harvested, mostly on sandy, droughtier soils. Soybeans are changing color. Most corn could use a few more days of warm sunshine to mature prior to a frost. No frost is forecast for the near future which should allow most all the corn in Columbia County to mature.

**DODGE-M.P.:** Cool temperatures, especially at night, have slowed crop development. Corn is still looking good. Silage harvest should begin in the next couple of weeks. Soybeans are starting to turn colors. There are some areas with leaf drop already, could be signs of white mold. Some manure is being hauled but very limited at this point. Canning crops are being harvested. All in all, everything is going well.

**KENOSHA-R.R.:** Crops showing stress, dry conditions exist. Melon, pumpkin and cucumber leaves showing white mold. Some are picking apples.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 10, 2017

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Sep. 9	Mar. 1 to Sep. 9 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	69	47	82	41	58	-6	2211	2229	0.11	0.25	-1.06	28.35	+3.92
Green Bay	69	48	79	42	59	-4	2190	2092	0.18	0.51	-0.57	26.00	+4.69
La Crosse	75	52	89	48	64	-3	2826	2504	0.12	0.18	-1.01	31.92	+7.18
Madison	69	49	81	44	59	-5	2352	2438	0.07	0.14	-1.02	33.90	+8.98
Milwaukee	70	55	83	49	63	-4	2491	n.a.	0.25	0.39	-0.75	29.71	+4.54

1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. \*Normal based on 1971-2000 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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